

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Transportation.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S215–S272*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 146–186, S. Res. 24–25, and S. Con. Res. 5. **Pages S247–49**

#### Measures Passed:

*Honoring the Life of Henry Louis Aaron:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 23, honoring the life and legacy of Henry Louis Aaron, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S241**

*National School Choice Week:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 25, designating the week of January 24 through January 30, 2021, as “National School Choice Week”. **Page S241**

#### Measures Considered:

**Congressional Budget Resolution—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 5, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030, after agreeing to the motion to proceed.

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S225–41**

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 13), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Pages S225–26**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at approximately 9 a.m., on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, with 31 hours of debate remaining. **Page S272**

**Congressional Budget Resolution—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the Senate’s consideration of S. Con. Res. 5, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030, the Majority and Republican managers of the concurrent resolution, while seated or standing at the managers’ desks, be permitted to deliver floor remarks, retrieve, review, and edit documents, and send email and other data communications from text displayed on wireless personal digital assistant devices and tablet devices; provided further that the use of calculators be permitted on the floor during consideration of the resolution; and that the staff be permitted to make technical and conforming changes to the resolution, if necessary, consistent with the amendments adopted during Senate consideration, including calculating the associated change in the net interest function, and incorporating the effect of such adopted amendments on the budgetary aggregates for Federal revenues, the amount by which the Federal revenues should be changed, new budget authority, budget outlays, deficits, public debt, and debt held by the public. **Page S226**

#### Appointments:

*Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, appointed the following Senators as Members of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, respectively: Senator Leahy (reappointment) and Senator Cortez Masto. **Page S241**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 86 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 11), Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Transportation. **Pages S217–22, S272**

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 12), Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S222–25, S272**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—13) **Pages S222, S225–26**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:21 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S272.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomina-

tion of Thomas J. Vilsack, of Iowa, to be Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Grassley, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Thomas J. Vilsack, of Iowa, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kathleen Holland Hicks, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Denis Richard McDonough, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 57 public bills, H.R. 682–738; 1 private bill, H.R. 739; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 84, 86–90, were introduced. **Pages H275–79**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H281**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 85, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 447) to amend the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly referred to as the “National Apprenticeship Act”) and expand the national apprenticeship

system to include apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship registered under such Act, to promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–3).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Gomez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H265**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Pages H265–66**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:57 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H273**

**National Apprenticeship Act of 2021 and Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 85, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 447) to amend the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly referred to as the “National Apprenticeship Act”) and expand the national apprenticeship system to include apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship registered under such Act, to promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices; providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 20, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 19.

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Pursuant to section 7 of H. Res. 85, H. Res. 73 is hereby adopted. **Pages H274–75**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H265.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H273 and H274.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **NO TIME TO LOSE: SOLUTIONS TO INCREASE COVID–19 VACCINATIONS IN THE STATES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “No Time to Lose: Solutions to Increase COVID–19 Vaccinations in the States”. Testimony was heard from Ngozi Ezike, M.D., Director, Department of Public Health, Illinois; Joneigh S. Khaldun, M.D., Chief Medical Executive and Chief Deputy Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Serv-

ices; Clay Marsh, M.D., COVID–19/Coronavirus Czar, West Virginia; Courtney N. Phillips, Secretary, Department of Health, Louisiana; and Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Executive Director, Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* On February 1, 2021, Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress, without amendment. Subcommittee Chairs and the Full Committee Vice Chair were agreed to.

### **BUSINESS MEETING; NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP ACT OF 2021; ESTABLISHING THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND SETTING FORTH THE APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2030**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a business meeting and a hearing on H.R. 447, the “National Apprenticeship Act of 2021”; and H. Con. Res. 11, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030. The Committee adopted revised rules for the 117th Congress. Representative Hastings was designated the Vice Chair of the Committee. The subcommittee ratios and subcommittee appointments were adopted. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 447, the “National Apprenticeship Act of 2021”, and H. Con. Res. 111, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 447, the “National Apprenticeship Act of 2021”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 of the rule shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read,

shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 3 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the rule. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H. Con. Res. 11, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030, under a closed rule. The rule provides three hours of general debate, with two hours equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, and one hour, on the subject of economic goals and policies, divided and controlled by Representatives Beyer of Virginia and Schweikert of Arizona or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the concurrent resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the concurrent resolution, as amended. The rule provides that rule XXVIII shall not apply with respect to the adoption by the House of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2021. The rule provides that House Resolution 73 is hereby adopted. The rule amends Clause 3(g)(3)(C) of rule 2 to read as follows: “(C) Upon receipt of an appeal pursuant to subdivision (B), the Committee on Ethics shall have 30 calendar days or five legislative days, whichever is later, to consider the appeal. The fine will be upheld unless the appeal is agreed to by a majority of the Committee. Upon a determination regarding the appeal or if no appeal has been filed at the expiration of the period specified as subdivision (B), the chair of the Committee on Ethics shall promptly notify the Member, Delegate, or the Resident Commis-

sioner, the Speaker, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Chief Administrative Officer and make such notification publicly available. The Speaker shall promptly lay such notification before the House.” The rule amends section 4(a)(2) of House Resolution 38 to read as follows: “(2) a fine imposed pursuant to this section shall be treated as though imposed under clause 3(g) of rule 2, and shall be administered as though pursuant to clause 4(d) of rule 2, except that the time periods described in clause 3(g)(3)(C) of rule 2 shall not commence until the Committee on Ethics has adopted written rules, and the chair of the Committee on Ethics shall notify all Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner with pending appeals upon such commencement.” The rule amends House Resolution 8, agreed to January 4, 2021 (as amended by House Resolution 41, agreed to January 13, 2021), by striking “February 11” each place that it appears and inserting “March 12”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Scott of Virginia, Chairman Yarmuth, and Representatives Foxx and Smith of Missouri.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Gina Marie Raimondo, of Rhode Island, to be Secretary of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Jennifer Mulhern Granholm, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Energy; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine data and analysis by the United States’ and world’s leading authorities on global climate trends from energy related sectors, focusing on where and how progress has been made in addressing climate change, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Stanley Regan, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of the Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as

Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 9:45 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Miguel A. Cardona, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Isabella Casillas Guzman, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Full Committee, organizational meeting, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Road to Recovery: Ramping Up COVID-19 Vaccines, Testing, and Medical Supply Chain”, 11 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, organizational meeting, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, organizational meeting, 2 p.m., Webex.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H. Res. 72, removing a certain Member from certain standing committees of the House of Representatives, 3 p.m., Webex.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Wednesday, February 3

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

1 p.m., Wednesday, February 3

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 5, Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, with 31 hours of debate remaining.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H. Con. Res. 11—Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030.

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